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1. FOLLOWING IS A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE POLITICAL OFFICERS
CONFERENCE ON MAY 3-4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE. PLEASE LET US KNOW
ALSO THE TRAVEL PLANS OF OFFICERS ATTENDING FROM YOUR POST
SO THAT WE CAN MEET AND ASSIST.

2. WEDNESDAY, MAY 3:

MORNING: CONFEREES ARRIVE. SECTION CHIEFS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR CONSULTATION AS DESIRED.

NOON: SMALL LUNCH GROUPS CAN BE ARRANGED.

FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE IN AFTERNOON.

1:30 PM--BRIEFINGS BY EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS ON KEY ASPECTS OF
US/TURKISH RELATIONS:

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A. CONGRESSIONAL PROSPECTS.

B. THE OUTLOOK FOR US/TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS.

C. CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

2:30 PM--COFFEE BREAK.

3:00-5:00--SYMPOSIUM ON PROSPECTS FOR US/TURKISH RELATIONS
MAY-DECEMBER 1978.

A. WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?

B. WHERE DOES ECEVIT WANT TO TAKE TURKEY?

C. ARE WE BEING BLACKMAILED OR BLUFFED?

D. WHAT HAPPENS IF CONGRESS REPEALS THE EMBARGO?

E. WHAT HAPPENS IF IT DOES NOT?

(A REPORT ON THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT--
SEE POLITICAL REPORTING PLAN).

7:00-9:00PM--COCKTAIL-BUFFET AT HOME OF POLITICAL COUNSELOR(INFORMAL)

3. THURSDAY, MAY 4:

9:00 AM--ECONOMIC ISSUES IN TURKEY'S DOMESTIC POLITICS.

A. REVIEW OF PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ISSUES IN DOMESTIC CONTEXT.
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B. DISCUSSION OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL GAINS OF ECEVIT'S
ECONOMIC MEASURES.

C. DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL TOLERANCE LIMITS FOR AUSTERITY
MEASURES AMONG:

LABOR

THE PRIVATE SECTOR

CONSUMERS

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS

ARMED FORCES

10:30AM--COFFEE BREAK.

11:00AM--THE POLITICAL MEANING OF DOMESTIC
POLITICAL VIOLENCE: DISCUSSION.

A. THE KURDISH AND ALEVI PROBLEMS.

B. STUDENT VIOLENCE.

C. NON-STUDENT EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS.

D. ADEQUACY OF THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE.

E. POSSIBILITY OF MARTIAL LAW.

F. POLITICAL TOLERANCE LIMITS AMONG GOVERNMENT
SUPPORTERS AND ARMED FORCES.

12:30-2:00 PM--DUTCH-TREAT LUNCH AT THE YAKAMOZ
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2:00PAM--HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE "WHITE WASH" CHARGES:
DISCUSSION.

A. IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

B. SOURCES OF RELIABLE DATA.

C. THE QUESTION OF PERSPECTIVE.

D. EMPHASIS IN REPORTING.

3:00PM--COFFEE BREAK.

3:30PM--SYMPOSIUM ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROSPECTS-MAY-DECEMBER 1978.

A. A SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS ON THE POLITICAL EFFECTS OF
THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVES REGARDING CYPRUS, THE ECONOMY AND
CIVIL VIOLENCE.

B. THE OUTLOOK FOR ECEVIT: UP, DOWN, OR OUT?

C. INTERNAL TRENDS IN THE OPPOSTION PARTIES.

D. MILITARY ATTITUDES TOWARDS INTERVENTION.

(A REPORT OF THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE PROVIDED THE
DEPARTMENT--SEE POLITICAL REPORTING PLAN).

5:00PM--CONFERENCE CLOSES.

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